# COLLEGE GIRLS GAIN HIGHER MARKS THAN BOYS

got her "rights" everything that could be said about her intellect, her judgment and her general capability as comany extent in after life, which may explain pared to that of the average man pointed their indifferent standing in these subjects. Prof. Horne, also a psychologist, finds the

vote from her.

But there is still held in some quarters But there is still held in some quarters

Dean John R. Turner said that the women
the doubt that woman, even with the vote, students excelled because, as a college is just as good as man. It is easy for a course was originally laid down for edupolite man, and one who isn't seeking for trouble, to beg the question by saying that the diligent in study. This statement was cona woman—the average woman—is better firmed by questioning 43 girls and 43 men than the average man. But is she? She about the number of hours a day they dewill always be different; the barriers of sex will never be broken down, and in certain work out of class, but the women on an intellectual pursuits experience seems to average studied two hours out of six. show that woman is not man's equal. That the account all the natural advantages nature has given to either sex, and counting Hart, replies that women students there up all the weaknesses of both, will never excel men in all subjects except mathematics be made. A prejudice on one side or the physics and philosopty-that is, in all sub-

## Illuminating Comparisons

However, that need not stop investigation tional in scope. Then neither sex has hard-The college girls have stepped across the superiority of rank of the women over the men in both classes is somewhat marked." line of womanhood, and their brothers and J. J. Pettyjohn, assistant to the president cousins have only to glance at their upper of the University of Minnesota, reports on lips to be assured that they are men.

THE NEW YORK HERALD started this inquiry at this interesting point in the lives men. These figures are not in direct ratio to of young people. It has asked the various the student enrolment, 30 1-5 being women try for light on the subject. The results of this inquiry shown in the answers received will undoubtedly surprise a good many persons who have not thought on the subject. One answer, which is general among the replies, should occasion surprise; it is to the effect that the average girl is a better

student than the average boy.
Prof. Rudolph M. Binder of the Washington Square College of New York Unioffers as his belief that women students exhibit mental superiority over men

"Pook education is a static affair," says the professor. "And for women to apply themselves to books more seriously than men is natural. There is a biological reason for this.

"Moreover, women are more conscientious than men in keeping fixed hours of study The latter have more distractions, or at least they yield to these more readily. Men go out evenings, as a rule, while women re-

mair in their rooms and engage in study."
Professor of Psychology J. E. Lough at New York University is not so sweepingly commendatory of the woman student. It depends on what the study is whether the

Deans of Coeducational Institutions Report Greater Devotion to Studies

to the righteousness of the suffragist cause.

In these things no argument that would hold

The fact that examinations involve memory. water could be found for withholding the He thinks the young men would excel if the examinations were based on the show of practical judgment.

A comparison of marks of an equal numshe excels him in certain other intellectual ber of men and women was made at the college. The figures were: 83 women had lines experience is not needed to show, for instinct and imagination proclaim it. Probably a perfectly just comparison of the fem- and 2 F's. The average of the marks gave inine and the masculine brain, taking into the women 84.48 per cent. and the men

The dean of the University of Maine, J. N. be made. A prejudice on one side or the jects except those of a more analytical char-other is apt to intervene and prevent cold acter In general he thinks that the usual college course is specially adapted for men, but he believes that the courses at Maine from Coeducational Institutions women who take them. He writes:

"Young women have ranked higher than of this exciting subject, and a good time to due not to intellectual superiority is begin is when young men and women ma- more strict application to college work. The triculate at the various colleges and uni- average ranking of the men in our fourteen versities of the country that are coeduca. Greek letter frats is slightly lower than the average for non-fraternity men. The average ranking of the women in the four so ened to the procrustean bed of circumstance. rorities is slightly higher than that of the while the neuter period has been passed. women who are not sorority members. The

the figures of the present academical year as being typical. Fallures and conditions in the fall quarter were 221-3 women, 772-3 seats of learning scattered over the coun- and 69 4-5 men. From these two sets of figures he finds that the number of failures and conditions on the part of women is slightly less than those of men.

He adds: "It is accurate, I believe, to say

that there is practically no difference in the grade of scholarship attained by men and women in the University of Minnesota."

### Girls Rate Higher Than Men

In a Middle Western College A middle Western college affords the foi-

lowing data:
Women excel men in languages and literature.

Women are better average students

We have no means of knowing whether school work than men; probably they do.

As a rule the records of this college for

the last five years have shown women to be intellectually superior to men-that is, women have won better daily marks and passed examinations more successfully and with higher marks at these examina-

In Middlebury College the percentage for women during the semester 1920-1921 was man or the woman is the better student, 83.52 per cent., in comparison with 78.21 per



"Women give daily more time to school tion of men than of women?" Dean Post

says. quire the space of a monograph or of a book cause of unusual pressure of work to answer this question, and then the writer office, and Dean Otis E. Randall of Brown could not hope to do more than to satisfy a University writes this letter:

class or group. many would regard as wholly 'behind the men's college, it would be exceedingly difficults is wholly adapted to the best interests of many women. Certain it is that many women appear to be well satisfied with the content of the University of the College in Brown is entirely separate from men's college, it would be exceedingly difficult for me to make any statement concerning the relative standing."

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Dean of the college, Edwin Post. He finds that women excel men in most subjects ex-cept those requiring abstract reasoning and logic; also that women are better average students and give more time daily to their lessons and that in the records of the last as a prerequisite to a baccalaureate degree. A facts on which to base an opinion."

lew subjects, like English composition, may be required of all along with other flexible tive Dean of the University of Nebraska, as requirements as of a college 'major,' a certain Lincoln. dated April 18; number of subjects from certain 'groups,' &c. "In reply to your questionnaire as to the

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Dean William M. Warren of Boston University could not cooperate with what he
"It seems to the writer that it would recalls "The Herald's interesting inquiry," be-

"Concerning relative standing of men and "As women were or, perhaps, ought to be, women in college work, as the women's coltosatisfy the ideals of certain persons, whom lege in Brown is entirely separate from the many would regard as wholly behind the men's college, it would be exceedingly difficults."

of many women. Certain it is that many women appear to be well satisfied with the present course of the coeducational college.

"That raises at once the further question. What is a course of study? Many institutions versity of Chicago have not been studied with a view to such a report. I regree that the present course of study that all or that any group must take in the content of the content

an or the woman is the better student, 83.52 per cent., in comparison with 16.21 per cent. average of the men.

Says.

"Young men excel in mathematics, gov—

"Young men excel

That, however, is not responsible for much of the difference in scholarship of men and women. The primary difference is due to the fact that the boys are from childhood taught to get out on the street and to develop physically, while the girls are kept in the house with indoor occupations. The result is that the girls as a whole take more kindly to their books than the boys do. "It is also a fact well known in business circles, and possibly due to many centuries of subjection and training, that the women are more conscientious about attending to details

of life he is often two or three years behind

"One day, being somewhat curious on this one day, being somewhat curious assubject, I asked one of our teachers of mathematics, herself a woman, which of her students, the men or women, she considered the abler in mathematics. She said: If I wish a bler in mathematics is the strike the strike. good recitation I generally look to the girls for it; if I expect hard problems worked, showing originality and thought, I always look to the boys for it. CARL C. ENGBERG.

#### St. Lawrence Girls Excel in .

Languages and Fine Arts Dean E. L. Hulett of the St. Lawrence University of Canton, N. Y., writes as fol-

'As a class women excel men students at St. Lawrence University in Latin, modern languages, English and fine arts. They have better average grades than men. Women give more time to daily school work than men. Men are busy with outside things, athletics, &c.

"I do not believe there is any biological reason why women should excel men at study, and I do not think the usual college ourse is better adapted to one sex than

"Women do not show themselves to be intellectually superior, but they do show themselves able or willing to concentrate on their daily tasks better than men.

Dean Hulett enclosed scholarship average grades for 1920-1921, herewith given: FALL TERM, 1920-1921. P. C. of

			Ex Sec. Ob
No. of	No. of	Aver.	Hours
Student	s. Hours.	Grades.	Passed.
Pl Beta Phl 17			
Kappa Kappa			
Gamma 20	298	85.52	99.0
Delta Delta Delta, 19	298	85.47	98.0
Pan Pasia 18	262	79.92	95.8
Non-fraternity			
women 72	1.071	74.66	91.4
Beta Theta Pi 29	448	79.71	94.7
Phi Sigma Kappa, 28	415	77.87	91.6
Alpha Tau Omega. 29	433	74.48	95.3
Sigma Alpha Epsi-			
lon 24	372	70.66	88.4
Non-fraternity			
men 63	925	67.54	84.5
Delta Tau Phi 12	187	66.98	
Delta Ind Post.			
Totals:			
Fraternities 196	2.967	78.49	
Non-fraternity135	1,996	71.10	88.0
Aver'ge of students		74.80	

#### Women Rank Higher Than Men As Students at Oberlin College

From Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, comes

this letter: "So far as I have observed, differences in the scholarship of men and of women

do not go by fields of study. The trend seems to me to be the same in all departments.

"Women are distinctly better average students than men.

"Women give a larger proportion of their time to the studies than men do. This is, in my judgment, the principal reason for their superiority in scholar-

I doubt whether there is anything in the biological theory to account for the greater excellence of women in study. Their superiority is due, in my judgment, principally to their greater conscientiousness in meeting the demands of their

'It does not seem to me that the college course is better adapted to the edu-cational needs of men than of women. If it has been so to a certain extent in the past, it is certainly becoming less so all the time as the field of women's activity is enlarging.

The records of this institution cer The records of this institution cer-tainly show that the women have, on the whole, earned better daily marks and passed better examinations than the men. That does not mean to me that they are they use their ability more steadily and that men can be brought to devote themselves to their work in the way the women do until public appreciation of high cholarship in the college course increases to something like equality with that of European countries.

"C. N. COLE."

Men at Illinois Fall Below

Women Except in Some Studies University of Illinois, situated

Urbana, attracts every year nearly 10,000 students. The dean of that institution has

"In most of the subjects in our university elected by both women and men, the women secure on the whole higher average grades. This is not true as to the atics. In the agricultural and engineer-Without question women are better

average students than men, and they give

lly more time to their school work.
'In my judgment there is not a biologireason for women to excel men at

In the large universities there is sufficient amount of election to make it possible for any individual, woman or

man, to select a course of study espe-The records show, if I remember cor-

rectly, that without exception the average grades of women in the University of Illinois during the past five years have been higher than men. I do not think that this carries with it any real evidence as to the intellectual superiority of women

anything absolute has been elucidated it women still, no matter what the colleges say. And, in fact, they say just that

Girls' Service Clubs Busy Counteracting Tendencies of the Day

five years women have excelled men in win-ning marks and honors.

particularly in those subjects which require the use of the memory more than

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From Depauw University of Greencastle,

Abstract Reasoning and Logic

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Finds Women Excel Except in

the reasoning faculties.

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vice club for the girl stranger in New York who needs immediate help."

Miss Maude E. Miper, secretary of the New York Probation and Protective Association, which includes the work of the Girls Protective Leagle, said this earnestly, and she repeated it emphatically when doubt was expressed because of known instances where "refuges," "doors of hope" and kindren institutions had proved inadequate in emergency for lack of room or another equally good reason.

"We make room," asserted the secretary. when one such immediate need is brought to us then we should fail all along the line.

Then Miss Miner told of two recent instances where it was possible for the association to prove itself. Although there is no in the circumstances of either they are worth repeating for the sake of illustra-

## Comes to New York With \$37

And a Dream of Movie Fame One concerns a girl only 15 years old who came to New York from a Pennsylvania mining town with \$37 that her mother had given her. This sum seemed more than enough to support her in comfort until the movie managers rushed her onto the screen and paid her a good salary for the work she The chance remark of a New Yorker had brought this ambition into and he may have meant it kindly near the mines he said:

Why, all a pretty girl like you has to do to earn at least \$60 a week is to go to New York and show herself."

Of course the 15-year-old girl believed this, and so did her mother, who ought to know better. Between them they saved up \$37 and along came the child to the city. Perhaps one may imagine her walking about looking for work, at first in the movie offices where nobody noticed her, and then any-where. Nobody needed her services, it apweek in New York.

ian aunt whose address she had. It was "Harlem." To her distress the child found that was a big place and after seeking vainly among the Italians who lived up there for news of her relative, exhausted and frightened, she sat down on the steps of a tenement and wept. Then appeared help in the person of a young woman of her own class who is a member of the service club at 138 East Nineteenth street. She took the stranger there as she had been taught to do and the troubles that had seemed so impossible to overcome disappeared in that kindly, helpful atmosphere. Perhaps it isn't too much to say that here child saved

We are here to help," said Miss Miner, as "We exist to help girls develop and broaden she finished the anecdote," and every one their lives. If we failed at the very outset of our members gets the idea of service. The other recent incident was brought the attention of the association by a young Spanish girl, Camilla. She had noticed in a poor Spanish boarding house a young girl to whom a man of their own nationality was "making up." This man found that she "making up" This man found that she didn't come to the table nor go out to her meals and he befriended her. Camilla sought out one of our workers and told the story with the result that the child was brought is and we were able to help her to work and independence. No, indeed, our work does not evaporate in talk and you cannot overemphasize how real it is.

"This is where we come in to help in the crusade The New York Herald has been carrying on so valiantly against a degeneracy of moral standards among girls and young men, a degeneracy displayed in manners, in dress and undue freedom between the sexes. What appears in the world of giris generally is reflected in our girls to a degree. They wouldn't be human if they didn't copy what they see. But it is surprising how critical they are of current fash-ions and habits and how they cut at the roots of these evil things almost without

advice from anybody.
"The reason for this is found in the fact that our clubs do not belong to the 'don't' variety. In other words, we don't make hard and fast rules, but ask the girls to rule themselves. They do it, too. If a girl tries to join who is an 'advanced dresser' the other girls take where. Nobody needed her services, it appeared, and the money that had seemed incide whether she shall be one of them or exhaustible in Pennsylvania didn't last a rot. They have meetings for discussion of all sorts of things, and one of these subjects thoughtful and discriminating; they are they have learned many things that have to greater safeguards for youth.



MISS MAUDE E. MINER.

is apt to be about just such an applicant. One of the girls may say, 'We don't want anybody in here who dresses like she does' or 'who paints her face,' &c. Then another is apt to say, 'The poor thing doesn't know

tter yet; suppose we give her a chance?"
"What they like best of all in the line of service is their chance to befriend lonely girls and girls who are living away from home. Our members are happy when they can reach girls living in furnished rooms and bring them to the Service Club, where hikes we have 1,550 girls assembling in the ciation has gone forward successfully.

they can meet other girls."
"The girls are human, and naturally imitate things and people almost union innement homes, where they have had no osnition of the educational work as a sciously. But the mass of the girls are chance to learn anything valuable and where force in arousing communities to

you think how large an attendance we have tirely theirs, was fascinating. And what at our clubs. These provide good recrea-pleasure they had in this work! Every girl and activities for leisure time, clubs and classes and entertainments for Sunday of home making. afternoons and evenings. The attendance Service Club during the year was 28,445 help girls to get into work which they or one hundred young people gathered in the Girls Service Club, where Mrs. Helen Bradley is director, on Sunday evenings, joining in songs and simple games, can't help but rejoice over the spirit of good these girls to the advantage of themselves fellowship that prevails. The boy friends and their employers but we frequently arare invited to these affairs, of course, range for them to take special courses in That is one of the best features in the girls' development. A fine and natural re-

'We did encourage it from the beginning and had the hardest work to show the girls just what it was meant to be. Our members have not been accustomed to be comsilly attitude toward them which had in it chiefly the desire to be admired and to firt and dance with them. A fine spirit is now the rule."

## Boys' Taste Helps to Eliminate

if a good many of the girls did not marry from the opportunities the club afforded them to meet their young men friends. She

said that marriages had happened, but not 'An important aid in holding up the standthe way the g'ris dress. Silly dress and

various classes, educational, cooking and methods are being duplicated in other cities from making. Most of them come from where, as in New York, there has been rec-

Paint and Fantastic Dress

painted faces get nowhere here, for the girls soon realize that the boys don't like it. That has its effect and is a genuine influence. As one of the girls expressed it, the boys to think we dress well and look fluences, far from being latent or unrec-

did all the work painted the walls found This is worthy of congratulation when the furniture, and the result, which was enconcerned in it now has a real knowledge

"I must not forget to speak of what is at the Girls Service Club and the Yorkville done by our employment exchange, for to and when we watch a group of seventy-five and where they find opportunity to express themselves is a great factor in the suof the association, affording the young women an important means of adjustment and development.

order to prepare themselves better for work "How to find the right opening in busilationship between girls and young men is ness for a girl isn't over easy. It is espe encouraged. placed by the employment exchange problem girls; that is, girls who are not efficient in any kind of work. Girls who have unsuitable homes must be placed where they will have supervision and have coportunity to learn. Frequently excellent openings are found for them in institu-tions, day nurseries and schools. Some of our girls who have been placed as waitresses our girls who have been placed as watersases in a training school are taking evening courses there. Mrs. Helen Tobelman is the secretary of the employment exchange, sue finds positions for girls recommended to The secretary smiled when she was asked, her by league members as well as for the members. Any of the latter who have em-ployment problems are asked to call on her at 138 East Nineteenth street and talk it over. She is glad to help all members and their friends."

Important parts of the work of the asso-ciation, such as Waverley House, Hillcrest Farm &c., have not been touched on here because the aim of a talk with M ss Mine was to find out to what degree the Girls Protective League had felt what has been generally admitted to be a falling off in the moral standard of society. While these inetty because we're really comrades.'

"Besides the indoor recreations and the as a whole the protective work of the assocommunities to erect

the better grades received in examinations largely result from more conscientention to outside activities." Here the question may be allowed to rest is that women are better students than men and that they succeed best in studies that lean rather more to the ornamental than